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Memorandum of Breakfast Conference with Senator Knowland,  
March 16, 1956, 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Paul and I went to Mr. Knowland's office, P-48 at the Capitol, and I introduced Mr. Paul to the Senator. I then had a talk with him alone for about an hour which ranged over the critical areas of the world, with particular emphasis on Algiers.

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At the Senator's request I then reviewed various critical areas of the world, indicating the intelligence we had on the Arab-Israeli dispute, the likelihood of war in the Middle East, and the possibility of outbreak in China coincidental therewith. I pointed out that in our opinion the Soviet Union was not yet ready for war and would not wish to provoke war at least until it had improved its long range bomber and projected its guided missile strength. In particular we discussed the situation in Pakistan, Korea, Southern Vietnam, etc.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Senator Knowland asked about the progress of our building and I told him of our plans to seek an appropriation later in the session, probably in May, as soon as we had our architectural drawings and estimates ready.

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As regards the Mansfield Resolution, Senator Knowland said that he thought it unlikely it would come up before the Easter recess. I told him that the Majority Report of the Rules Committee contained important inaccuracies, and he told me to kindly give him a memorandum pointing these out. He clearly indicated his opposition to the measure and forecast that Bridges would also be against it.

  
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Director